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GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1982	1983										
	1982	1983	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] *(1,000 net tons)*	25,869	23,071	1,664	1,965	1,858	1,914	2,017	1,907	1,759	1,667	2,004	1,937	2,150	2,044	1,849
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	133,892	126,576	11,590	12,165	10,832	11,423	11,429	10,399	10,301	10,189	10,541	9,028	10,409	10,453	9,407
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	320,808	355,958	26,680	25,851	29,560	33,442	29,988	31,724	32,494	24,507	33,557	31,394	30,597	29,370	23,474
Crude oil and condensate production[2] *(1,000 barrels)*	20,011	18,708	1,742	1,732	1,511	1,603	1,561	1,564	1,525	1,596	1,592	1,435	1,522	1,569	1,499
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	21,431	21,020	1,499	1,571	1,649	1,621	1,702	1,753	1,797	1,756	1,963	1,892	1,818	1,799	1,698
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	5,419	6,166	406	484	424	517	506	556	554	561	505	511	559	510	479
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] *($1,000)*	2,011,200	2,787,900	169,400	143,300	141,600	253,800	225,500	293,500	327,100	160,400	219,900	242,200	278,600	291,000	211,000
Residential	847,200	1,302,000	59,300	75,600	69,700	104,500	107,700	123,400	125,700	100,500	101,300	162,200	138,100	97,300	96,000
Nonresidential	660,000	1,028,200	45,600	50,500	53,600	93,000	74,400	128,000	111,900	45,300	73,300	45,400	108,000	162,000	82,800
Public works and utilities	504,000	456,800	64,400	17,200	18,300	56,400	43,100	41,700	89,300	14,700	45,400	34,400	32,700	31,400	32,200
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	928	1,086	71	60	62	92	85	85	116	102	116	101	108	92	67
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[4] *($1,000,000)*	4,598	5,263	4,598	4,668	4,724	4,830	4,951	4,993	5,063	5,096	5,123	5,158	5,191	5,204	5,263
Tax collections *($1,000)*															
Total	2,112,332	2,288,165	154,150	177,787	174,477	189,042	192,932	218,607	189,144	173,150	191,429	219,553	186,326	221,579	154,139
Franchise	52,016	52,214	1,492	443	861	15,688	7,306	1,145	2,777	7,524	2,253	7,300	4,430	1,980	507
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	197,894	199,587	15,907	17,274	15,813	14,001	17,681	16,303	17,158	17,252	17,182	17,874	16,536	16,469	16,044
Income	765,160	815,838	49,032	45,667	79,861	76,745	49,511	108,834	80,633	36,785	81,341	81,667	38,160	83,559	53,073
Motor fuels	41,505	45,027	3,448	2,967	3,658	3,049	3,763	3,901	3,136	3,206	4,195	3,383	4,189	5,673	3,906
Oil/gas privilege	36,891	89,645	2,953	4,238	2,964	4,871	5,691	6,447	6,193	5,131	5,298	5,168	5,106	34,115	4,424
Oil/gas production	18,510	17,290	1,468	1,504	1,485	1,808	1,362	1,823	1,541	1,319	1,319	1,331	1,314	1,339	1,146
Sales	562,208	609,132	49,258	56,835	43,331	44,491	48,128	52,546	52,347	51,650	52,961	51,526	51,888	53,500	49,930
2.2% Gross receipts	44,104	46,185	35	10,560	135	147	10,636	110	48	10,738	61	3,548	10,134	63	6
TVA electric	35,999	31,290	2,831	.....	2,831	2,831	5,661	2,831	2,831	2,831	2,831	2,911	2,867	.....	2,867
Tobacco	70,885	68,915	5,849	6,864	4,692	4,881	5,411	5,599	6,536	6,035	5,426	5,906	6,030	5,454	6,081
Use	67,876	66,519	1,017	14,086	2,039	960	14,062	1,239	816	14,707	1,097	643	15,021	1,389	459
Utility	134,597	152,287	16,079	12,180	12,368	13,717	12,152	11,461	10,751	10,617	11,747	12,838	22,053	11,324	11,079
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[5] *(1967 = 100)*															
All items	288.8	298.4	292.0	293.1	293.2	293.4	295.5	297.1	298.1	299.3	300.3	301.8	302.6	303.1	303.5
Food	285.7	291.7	286.5	288.1	289.0	290.5	291.9	292.4	292.0	292.0	292.2	292.6	292.9	292.5	293.9
Housing	314.7	323.1	316.3	317.9	318.5	318.6	320.3	321.8	323.1	324.5	324.8	326.4	326.8	327.0	327.4
Fuel and utilities	350.8	370.3	364.1	365.4	364.6	363.8	363.6	369.3	373.6	375.5	375.1	376.4	374.4	371.3	370.6
Apparel and upkeep	191.8	196.5	193.6	191.0	192.0	194.5	195.5	196.1	195.6	195.0	197.3	200.4	200.7	200.7	199.3
Transportation	291.5	298.4	294.8	293.0	289.9	287.4	292.3	296.2	298.3	300.4	302.4	303.7	305.0	306.3	306.3
Medical care	328.7	357.3	344.3	347.8	351.3	352.3	353.5	354.3	355.4	357.7	360.0	361.2	362.9	364.9	366.2
Energy	416.0	419.3	419.9	414.5	406.7	399.9	410.0	421.3	427.3	430.1	429.8	429.3	425.1	419.9	418.0
Producer Price Index, U.S.[6] *(1967 = 100)*															
All commodities	299.3	303.1	300.7	299.9	300.9	300.6	300.6	301.5	302.4	303.2	304.7	305.3	306.3	305.6	306.0
Industrial commodities	312.3	315.8	315.2	313.9	313.9	313.5	312.4	313.6	315.3	316.5	317.3	317.2	318.7	318.3	318.4
Index of prices received by Alabama farmers *(1977 = 100)*	115.8	122.3	110.0	114.0	118.0	117.0	117.0	120.0	119.0	122.0	126.0	126.0	124.0	131.0	133.0
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. *(1967 = $1.000)* As measured by															
Consumer prices	.346	.335	.342	.341	.341	.341	.338	.337	.335	.334	.333	.331	.330	.330	.329
Wholesale prices	.334	.330	.333	.333	.332	.333	.333	.332	.331	.330	.328	.328	.326	.327	.327
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT[7]															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,713.0	1,744.8	1,720.2	1,731.5	1,740.4	1,739.8	1,732.7	1,729.4	1,732.2	1,758.3	1,746.2	1,745.3	1,774.6	1,774.9	1,732.8
Unemployment	247.0	235.1	266.9	289.9	284.1	261.9	236.6	225.0	222.2	232.0	214.3	214.5	220.7	223.1	197.0
Unemployment rate	14.4	13.5	15.5	16.7	16.3	15.1	13.7	13.0	12.8	13.2	12.3	12.3	12.4	12.6	11.4
Employment	1,466.0	1,509.7	1,453.3	1,441.6	1,456.3	1,477.9	1,496.1	1,504.4	1,510.0	1,526.3	1,531.9	1,530.8	1,553.9	1,561.8	1,535.8
Nonagricultural	1,312.5	1,318.4	1,299.8	1,282.9	1,285.6	1,294.4	1,312.4	1,320.9	1,331.6	1,332.0	1,323.7	1,326.5	1,334.8	1,336.6	1,338.8
Manufacturing	337.8	338.2	326.3	323.8	326.6	329.7	334.5	337.8	340.9	337.4	344.8	345.5	346.0	346.3	345.6
Durable goods	159.1	157.6	150.5	149.2	151.2	153.4	156.1	157.3	157.6	157.9	160.9	161.1	161.9	162.6	162.2
Lumber and wood products	25.1	27.6	25.2	25.2	25.6	26.3	27.0	27.7	28.5	28.5	28.6	28.7	28.6	28.4	28.3
Stone, clay, glass products	8.6	8.7	8.2	8.0	8.3	8.5	8.8	8.8	8.9	8.9	9.0	9.0	8.8	8.7	8.6
Primary metals	29.6	24.8	24.7	25.1	25.0	24.8	25.1	25.0	24.7	24.3	24.9	24.5	24.6	24.6	24.8
Blast furn. and steel works	8.8	5.7	5.5	5.6	5.8	5.6	5.8	6.0	6.1	5.5	5.7	5.2	5.3	5.5	6.1
Iron and steel foundries	11.4	10.5	10.5	10.6	10.4	10.3	10.6	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.7	10.7	10.7	10.5	9.9
Fabricated metals	22.8	21.7	21.8	21.1	20.7	21.3	21.4	21.5	21.4	21.7	21.9	22.0	22.2	22.4	22.4
Machinery (incl. electrical)	34.3	33.5	33.6	32.4	32.6	32.8	33.1	33.2	33.4	33.5	33.9	33.9	34.0	34.4	34.4
Transportation	22.6	21.5	21.3	20.9	21.1	21.6	21.4	21.2	19.9	20.2	21.8	22.0	22.6	22.7	22.4
Other durable goods	16.0	17.2	15.7	15.0	16.0	16.1	17.0	17.2	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.8	17.9	18.2	18.1
Nondurable goods	178.8	180.6	175.8	174.6	175.4	176.3	178.4	180.5	183.3	179.5	183.9	184.4	184.1	183.7	183.4
Food	26.5	26.9	26.2	26.2	26.1	26.3	26.5	26.8	27.2	27.3	27.4	27.4	27.5	27.2	27.1
Textile mill products	38.8	39.1	38.4	37.8	37.7	37.8	38.7	38.8	39.6	37.6	39.6	40.2	40.3	40.3	40.4
Apparel	53.0	54.3	52.2	51.9	52.7	52.5	53.0	54.4	55.6	53.8	55.4	56.0	55.5	55.4	55.1
Paper and allied products	21.0	21.4	21.4	21.0	20.8	21.1	21.2	21.4	21.8	21.9	22.1	21.5	21.4	21.4	21.3
Printing and publishing	10.2	10.3	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.5
Chemicals and allied products	13.1	11.8	11.8	12.0	11.9	11.9	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.5	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.8	11.8
Rubber products	13.8	14.6	13.5	13.4	13.9	14.3	14.8	14.7	14.7	14.8	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.1	15.1
Other nondurable goods	2.4	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1
Nonmanufacturing	974.7	980.1	973.5	959.1	959.0	964.7	977.9	983.1	990.7	994.6	978.9	981.0	988.8	990.3	993.2
Mining and quarrying	16.2	13.6	13.9	14.4	13.6	13.5	13.6	13.4	13.6	13.7	13.6	12.9	13.3	13.6	13.5
Bituminous coal mining	12.1	10.3	11.2	11.1	10.3	10.3	10.2	10.2	10.3	10.5	10.4	9.7	10.1	10.4	9.5
Contract construction	56.8	59.4	54.3	51.6	52.7	54.2	57.7	59.3	61.6	62.0	62.6	62.7	62.6	63.0	62.4
Trans., comm., and utilities	71.1	69.7	70.4	69.4	68.8	68.8	69.4	70.1	70.9	70.7	64.6	70.7	71.3	70.9	71.1
Trade	267.4	271.0	273.4	264.1	261.1	262.9	267.5	269.3	272.5	272.7	273.0	273.7	275.5	278.0	282.1
Wholesale	70.0	69.7	68.4	68.5	68.2	68.5	69.0	69.2	70.3	70.2	70.3	70.4	70.6	70.8	70.7
Retail	197.4	201.3	205.0	195.6	192.9	194.4	198.5	200.1	202.2	202.5	202.7	203.3	204.9	207.2	211.4
Finance, insurance, real estate	58.8	59.4	58.8	58.4	58.4	58.9	59.1	59.3	60.1	60.3	60.2	59.8	59.6	59.6	59.6
Service and miscellaneous	214.4	217.8	213.7	212.3	213.6	215.3	218.6	218.0	219.8	219.8	219.8	219.7	219.6	218.6	218.3
Government	290.1	289.2	289.0	288.9	290.8	291.1	292.0	293.7	292.2	295.4	285.1	281.5	286.9	286.6	286.2
Federal	65.1	64.6	64.5	64.2	64.0	64.4	64.2	64.5	65.4	65.5	65.4	64.9	64.3	64.1	64.0
State and local	224.9	224.6	224.5	224.7	226.8	226.7	227.8	229.2	226.8	229.9	219.7	216.6	222.6	222.5	222.2

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1982	1983										
	1982	1983	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	176,752	207,309	10,457	15,331	14,996	18,927	18,139	18,496	21,778	20,987	19,505	17,884	14,485	14,784	11,998
Nonagricultural placements	66,900	91,100	3,342	4,253	4,469	6,039	7,233	6,942	10,753	15,126	10,484	7,499	7,117	6,071	5,114
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	632,290	428,181	53,339	77,765	35,542	36,556	30,468	26,892	25,293	49,017	29,803	24,506	27,873	28,728	35,738
Payments *($1,000)*	233,984	191,868	25,027	23,232	20,564	21,604	16,669	14,783	14,873	13,217	15,186	13,566	11,656	12,540	13,999
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,380	15,780	15,670	15,730	15,690	15,550	15,560	15,090	15,030	15,090	15,030	15,200	15,460	15,580	15,400
	14.7	14.1	19.1	19.4	18.0	16.5	16.2	13.2	12.9	12.0	11.3	12.3	12.5	13.0	12.0
Baldwin	33,640	33,830	33,880	34,080	34,090	34,000	33,750	33,700	34,010	34,790	34,140	33,790	34,650	35,000	34,990
	12.0	12.3	14.1	14.3	14.1	12.7	11.5	11.4	10.5	11.6	10.8	11.5	11.5	12.2	12.6
Barbour	11,410	11,980	11,630	11,250	11,300	11,410	11,500	11,380	11,270	11,590	11,550	11,580	11,860	11,690	11,480
	16.4	13.1	15.5	17.4	16.4	15.2	13.9	12.3	12.4	12.8	12.7	11.6	11.7	12.1	11.9
Bibb	5,640	5,940	5,710	5,880	5,840	5,860	5,750	5,670	5,720	5,750	5,240	5,550	5,600	5,680	5,630
	22.9	19.6	27.2	27.1	26.6	23.8	20.5	18.4	17.3	16.8	16.4	18.9	16.4	17.2	20.0
Blount	14,100	13,520	13,700	13,870	14,010	14,010	14,010	13,850	13,570	13,620	13,400	13,580	13,900	13,460	13,320
	19.7	18.1	21.8	23.0	21.3	18.9	17.5	17.2	17.2	17.6	15.2	15.3	14.9	15.9	14.9
Bullock	4,310	4,530	4,440	4,110	4,140	4,160	4,240	4,360	4,360	4,510	4,510	4,670	4,820	4,700	4,470
	18.5	17.2	22.3	21.2	20.5	18.6	15.5	14.6	16.9	19.2	18.4	15.6	15.3	16.4	16.6
Butler	10,020	9,900	10,210	9,770	9,810	9,970	9,700	9,750	9,740	9,930	9,820	9,880	10,300	10,090	9,900
	20.1	17.3	22.4	21.9	21.1	21.2	17.2	16.5	16.7	16.5	15.3	14.3	16.0	14.5	12.9
Calhoun	45,810	46,560	46,110	45,900	46,570	46,560	45,800	45,870	46,230	46,920	46,850	46,420	47,190	47,080	47,500
	15.0	13.1	13.3	15.2	15.6	14.3	12.7	13.2	12.7	12.2	11.5	11.1	12.2	11.7	12.1
Chambers	16,170	16,920	15,840	16,500	16,400	16,360	16,360	16,330	16,600	16,920	16,820	16,470	16,880	16,830	16,780
	11.4	9.8	11.9	12.8	11.4	10.1	9.2	9.0	9.5	10.6	9.4	8.1	9.3	9.1	8.5
Cherokee	11,300	11,400	11,930	10,930	10,820	10,810	11,180	11,340	11,050	10,710	10,550	11,390	11,620	11,430	11,420
	14.9	15.4	14.0	16.7	25.2	22.3	14.7	12.1	12.4	18.5	17.2	10.4	14.4	11.4	12.4
Chilton	13,480	15,420	13,900	14,200	14,130	14,140	14,200	14,260	13,920	14,190	14,240	14,320	14,690	14,630	14,470
	15.6	13.3	19.4	20.0	18.6	16.1	14.5	13.9	12.6	11.9	11.7	11.9	11.7	12.3	12.1
Choctaw	5,230	5,560	5,430	5,380	5,430	5,440	5,590	5,590	5,580	5,870	5,660	5,540	5,830	5,610	5,560
	15.4	15.2	15.1	18.9	16.2	14.3	15.5	15.6	14.8	17.3	13.8	13.0	13.1	12.3	14.0
Clarke	10,470	10,810	10,500	10,710	10,970	10,940	10,590	10,550	10,990	10,940	10,750	10,620	10,790	10,850	10,800
	15.7	16.2	19.0	18.3	19.2	17.9	15.9	15.7	16.9	15.7	14.0	13.6	13.8	14.6	14.9
Clay	7,460	7,520	7,520	7,590	7,550	7,660	7,670	7,760	7,570	7,980	7,780	7,960	8,060	8,110	8,000
	13.4	13.8	15.7	17.0	14.3	13.0	12.1	13.9	13.5	15.5	11.7	11.5	11.5	11.9	11.2
Cleburne	5,080	5,210	5,340	5,170	5,190	5,180	5,170	5,160	5,080	5,090	5,010	5,190	5,240	5,220	5,200
	14.5	12.5	12.8	16.5	16.0	13.9	15.3	12.3	12.3	9.8	9.1	10.3	10.2	10.5	10.5
Coffee	19,490	20,040	18,220	20,160	20,370	20,310	20,320	20,560	20,220	20,480	20,600	20,810	20,960	20,840	20,660
	11.8	10.8	14.5	14.0	13.2	12.4	10.6	10.0	9.2	9.7	9.2	8.9	8.9	9.5	10.2
Colbert	23,540	24,050	23,660	23,980	24,160	24,310	24,010	23,620	23,540	23,960	23,910	23,770	24,110	24,170	24,290
	19.0	18.5	19.7	22.1	21.9	21.1	19.5	17.5	16.7	17.3	16.6	16.5	16.5	16.4	16.6
Conecuh	6,740	7,010	7,370	6,570	6,650	6,910	6,780	6,790	6,760	6,880	6,790	6,830	6,900	6,940	7,060
	14.0	12.7	14.1	13.0	13.2	14.9	13.2	12.1	11.6	11.6	10.9	12.8	12.2	13.2	15.0
Coosa	5,640	5,570	5,740	5,620	5,580	5,580	5,630	5,770	5,490	5,710	5,630	5,770	5,800	5,840	5,780
	10.7	10.3	11.8	12.8	12.0	11.1	10.5	10.6	9.6	10.5	8.9	8.1	8.0	8.7	8.3
Covington	15,440	16,340	16,000	15,630	15,890	15,890	16,110	16,080	16,040	16,370	16,450	16,480	16,550	16,670	16,410
	13.7	12.3	12.7	14.6	14.5	12.9	11.6	10.7	10.0	14.3	12.2	11.5	10.9	12.1	12.3
Crenshaw	6,690	7,220	6,490	6,120	6,220	6,390	6,520	6,700	6,590	6,890	6,650	6,940	7,120	6,790	6,420
	14.1	12.1	12.8	14.1	14.3	13.3	11.7	10.6	11.3	24.4	11.0	10.5	9.7	9.6	9.9
Cullman	27,480	28,710	28,150	27,790	28,600	28,380	28,420	28,500	27,940	28,360	28,030	28,660	29,430	29,070	28,370
	17.1	14.7	19.5	19.8	22.4	16.9	15.0	13.9	13.2	13.5	12.0	12.3	11.8	11.9	11.6
Dale	12,290	12,980	12,690	12,800	12,990	12,920	12,970	12,930	12,610	12,900	12,710	12,650	13,070	13,060	12,860
	13.2	13.7	16.0	16.9	16.2	14.8	13.9	12.9	12.5	13.3	12.2	11.9	12.6	13.2	12.4
Dallas	23,350	23,640	23,620	23,320	23,580	23,400	23,290	23,290	23,680	24,040	23,700	23,540	23,890	24,120	23,600
	17.6	17.5	21.0	21.4	20.6	19.1	18.8	16.5	16.1	16.7	15.6	15.7	16.0	16.5	15.8
DeKalb	28,460	29,950	28,580	29,020	29,090	29,190	29,550	29,470	29,580	30,610	30,420	30,080	30,450	30,970	29,530
	13.4	13.8	15.0	17.0	16.1	14.7	13.9	12.5	12.6	13.7	11.5	12.3	13.7	13.3	12.6
Elmore	20,280	20,770	19,460	19,830	20,060	20,370	20,210	20,280	20,250	20,240	20,270	20,120	20,410	20,380	20,110
	13.1	12.2	12.3	14.0	13.7	14.3	13.2	13.2	13.0	11.7	11.5	10.9	10.9	10.5	9.3
Escambia	16,330	17,430	15,840	16,320	16,940	16,420	16,700	16,700	16,940	17,260	16,750	16,860	17,020	17,260	17,360
	13.2	12.6	13.7	13.7	12.9	12.1	12.6	12.6	12.2	13.0	12.2	11.8	12.2	13.4	13.8
Etowah	42,740	42,450	44,110	43,240	42,920	42,810	41,730	41,600	41,220	41,920	41,800	41,460	42,230	42,510	42,320
	20.5	17.5	23.1	23.9	22.8	21.8	18.0	16.4	15.9	16.1	15.0	14.5	15.0	15.6	14.8
Fayette	9,880	10,170	10,280	9,920	10,120	10,090	10,140	10,040	10,120	10,160	10,220	10,390	10,580	10,530	10,430
	11.4	11.7	11.3	13.5	13.8	13.8	12.8	10.8	9.7	10.8	10.3	10.9	10.1	10.2	10.4
Franklin	13,350	14,200	13,280	13,680	13,690	13,720	13,810	13,780	14,180	14,700	14,430	14,530	14,620	14,660	14,440
	18.4	18.2	23.1	23.5	21.2	19.1	16.4	14.3	15.1	22.8	15.2	16.2	16.3	18.0	17.7
Geneva	10,910	11,400	11,060	10,970	11,130	11,310	11,440	11,750	11,530	11,470	11,830	12,030	12,540	12,320	12,280
	11.3	10.5	11.3	13.3	12.5	11.6	10.0	10.1	9.1	10.1	9.2	8.4	8.5	8.8	9.9
Greene	4,610	4,610	4,510	4,580	4,630	4,790	4,660	4,610	4,560	4,610	4,540	4,660	4,750	4,700	4,650
	16.9	16.7	19.1	21.6	20.6	22.5	16.6	14.6	14.4	14.1	13.3	13.3	13.1	14.1	16.2
Hale	5,040	5,310	4,950	5,060	5,090	5,000	5,030	5,080	5,010	5,340	4,950	5,110	5,280	5,180	5,160
	20.6	16.6	21.3	22.4	20.8	17.7	15.6	14.8	14.5	18.3	13.6	13.7	14.1	16.8	20.1
Henry	6,990	7,260	6,920	6,710	6,800	7,000	7,230	7,400	7,130	7,130	7,050	7,290	7,550	7,330	7,050
	12.2	11.2	11.4	13.3	13.1	12.0	10.8	10.9	11.1	11.8	10.5	10.3	9.8	10.3	10.4
Houston	38,960	40,070	39,820	38,500	38,890	39,290	39,220	39,480	39,340	40,200	39,590	40,280	40,810	40,480	40,110
	10.0	10.8	10.6	11.6	11.6	11.6	10.5	10.7	10.3	11.5	10.1	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.0
Jackson	21,050	20,800	21,170	21,270	21,300	21,220	20,870	20,530	20,140	21,100	20,190	21,120	21,660	21,290	21,140
	20.4	22.0	25.5	27.4	25.9	23.8	21.5	19.2	20.7	22.1	16.8	18.8	20.2	20.2	21.7
Jefferson	305,740	310,270	310,440	310,710	310,140	309,360	305,900	303,490	304,630	309,120	308,210	306,390	308,240	309,910	309,240
	13.8	12.8	15.8	16.3	15.5	14.4	12.8	12.2	11.9	11.7	11.4	11.9	11.5	11.6	11.0
Lamar	8,390	8,820	8,330	8,600	8,750	8,930	9,220	9,280	9,200	9,140	9,090	9,290	9,420	9,460	9,220
	13.4	9.8	12.3	12.3	11.3	10.5	10.2	9.3	9.7	8.8	8.0	8.1	8.0	8.8	7.6
Lauderdale	34,160	34,810	34,150	34,450	34,870	34,660	34,310	34,000	34,450	35,050	34,680	34,620	35,180	35,150	35,440
	17.6	16.9	17.8	19.9	20.0	18.3	16.7	15.3	15.9	16.5	15.0	15.3	15.5	15.1	15.5
Lawrence	14,250	14,490	14,990	15,220	15,190	14,870	14,660	14,290	13,980	13,910	13,670	13,770	14,100	13,990	13,740
	19.0	18.7	21.8	23.8	23.2	20.4	17.6	17.2	17.5	17.6	16.5	16.7	16.6	17.4	18.1
Lee	34,270	36,140	33,860	35,010	35,020	34,730	35,000	35,000	35,160	34,720	34,640	34,880	35,990	36,300	35,790
	9.4	8.4	10.9	13.0	10.7	8.3	7.8	7.7	8.5	8.2	8.0	7.5	7.5	7.2	6.6
Limestone	22,750	23,940	23,100	23,360	23,580	23,430	23,470	23,400	23,090	23,250	23,430	23,700	23,940	24,060	23,830
	13.7	11.0	15.3	15.7	15.8	13.6	12.2	11.0	9.1	8.6	8.7	9.3	9.2	9.8	9.3
Lowndes	4,990	5,320	5,250	4,900	5,070	5,290	5,350	5,430	5,340	5,420	5,380	5,520	5,660	5,590	5,480
	19.2	17.6	17.5	20.0	19.6	19.7	17.4	15.7	16.6	17.0	17.3	16.2	16.8	15.1	15.3
Macon	7,960	8,000	7,590	7,660	7,690	7,680	7,710	7,790	7,790	7,890	7,900	7,770	7,930	7,780	7,740
	14.7	13.5	14.0	15.9	15.2	13.7	12.6	12.8	15.5	14.3	14.3	11.9	12.1	12.3	12.2
Madison	94,210	100,410	94,260	95,070	95,810	96,420	96,670	97,580	98,820	99,130	100,060	100,340	102,010	102,090	101,120
	10.7	9.2	11.1	11.3	11.2	10.1	8.7	8.6	9.0	8.2	8.4	8.3	8.7	9.0	8.4
Marengo	9,470	9,920	9,500	9,690	9,760	9,850	9,800	9,720	9,880	10,200	9,910	9,910	10,030	10,070	9,980
	15.7	15.4	18.0	18.6	18.6	18.0	16.5	15.2	15.4	15.8	12.7	12.3	12.3	13.1	13.8
Marion	13,240	13,760	13,090	13,710	13,710	13,670	13,780	13,740	13,770	14,000	13,670	13,600	13,790	14,060	13,710
	18.4	19.4	20.8	23.6	21.7	21.2	19.9	18.9	18.7	19.2	16.7	16.4	16.8	18.9	16.8
Marshall	32,900	34,920	33,240	33,500	33,610	33,690	33,670	33,560	34,020	36,170	34,150	34,500	34,980	35,130	35,140
	14.8	13.0	16.0	16.1	15.7	14.3	12.7	11.5	12.0	16.2	10.6	11.1	11.3	11.9	12.2
Mobile	159,880	163,820	161,850	163,250	164,410	164,450	165,690	163,990	166,470	168,060	167,440	164,000	167,450	166,500	164,770
	14.0	15.9	16.5	16.9	17.2	16.1	16.2	15.4	15.1	15.0	15.4	15.3	14.9	14.3	13.8

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1982	1983										
	1982	1983	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)* —continued															
Monroe	10,250	10,770	10,970	10,200	10,300	10,430	10,580	10,500	10,550	10,700	10,700	10,720	10,940	11,050	11,010
	14.3	12.6	20.6	13.8	13.2	12.6	13.1	13.0	11.5	11.4	11.0	11.2	12.5	13.7	13.6
Montgomery	89,890	92,650	87,610	88,130	89,040	89,500	88,630	88,520	89,420	90,480	90,370	90,710	92,570	93,210	92,300
	10.9	10.6	11.6	12.1	11.7	11.4	10.1	9.7	10.6	10.3	9.9	10.2	10.8	11.1	10.3
Morgan	37,400	37,990	37,980	37,450	37,140	37,010	36,800	37,140	37,420	37,980	37,640	37,550	37,840	37,890	37,640
	16.1	14.5	17.6	18.8	17.3	15.8	14.5	13.8	13.5	13.5	13.1	13.4	13.6	13.5	12.8
Perry	5,200	5,860	5,570	5,630	5,580	5,680	5,660	5,800	5,800	5,920	5,910	5,890	5,980	6,000	5,960
	16.9	14.8	24.4	19.7	15.5	14.2	14.0	13.2	13.7	13.1	13.0	11.9	11.8	17.0	20.5
Pickens	7,620	7,630	7,580	7,640	7,730	7,940	7,910	7,990	7,900	7,970	7,780	7,800	7,900	7,830	7,850
	19.6	17.7	18.3	17.3	17.6	19.2	20.2	19.3	18.1	16.1	14.7	14.2	14.7	14.0	17.4
Pike	13,230	13,770	13,400	13,520	13,720	13,740	13,760	13,960	13,760	13,920	13,820	14,070	14,590	14,390	13,400
	13.4	13.7	17.4	17.7	16.8	14.4	12.5	12.6	12.8	13.7	12.5	11.9	11.1	12.0	13.1
Randolph	9,670	9,170	9,460	9,360	9,120	8,700	8,750	8,640	8,420	9,040	8,550	8,470	8,990	8,830	8,780
	21.8	17.8	24.9	25.7	22.5	18.7	17.2	18.0	16.8	24.1	16.4	13.6	13.3	14.4	15.5
Russell	18,050	18,320	17,990	18,090	18,090	17,920	17,500	17,480	17,730	17,980	18,010	17,690	17,970	18,140	18,270
	16.7	13.7	17.0	17.9	17.5	15.9	14.0	13.6	11.8	12.0	11.2	12.2	12.5	12.4	12.6
St. Clair	18,970	19,350	18,990	19,410	19,620	19,560	19,230	18,970	18,770	18,870	18,870	18,970	19,120	19,420	19,710
	14.7	14.2	15.5	17.8	18.0	16.9	14.9	13.8	12.2	11.2	11.1	12.7	12.4	13.5	14.3
Shelby	29,910	30,510	30,490	30,260	30,230	30,210	29,820	30,100	29,810	30,340	30,360	30,190	30,650	30,690	30,830
	13.0	12.4	15.3	15.2	14.4	13.4	11.7	12.6	11.1	11.2	11.1	11.7	12.1	11.9	11.8
Sumter	6,970	6,990	7,160	7,150	7,150	7,250	7,240	7,340	7,410	7,470	7,350	7,280	7,460	7,490	7,150
	17.4	14.3	16.5	17.2	15.7	16.1	14.2	12.0	14.3	13.0	12.8	10.3	11.3	12.4	10.6
Talladega	30,630	32,030	31,260	31,230	31,220	30,980	30,530	30,570	30,180	30,400	30,380	30,090	30,500	30,220	30,140
	19.3	17.1	20.6	21.5	21.3	19.8	17.2	17.2	17.0	16.9	16.9	16.0	15.8	15.4	14.7
Tallapoosa	17,250	16,580	16,980	17,330	17,240	17,360	17,070	17,110	17,650	18,230	17,810	17,550	17,840	17,920	18,070
	13.3	12.2	11.8	13.7	12.4	13.6	10.2	11.1	11.0	13.9	10.9	9.5	10.4	10.0	10.1
Tuscaloosa	55,380	56,520	55,140	56,030	56,800	56,320	55,690	55,910	54,990	55,610	55,830	55,600	56,840	57,390	57,540
	12.6	12.5	12.1	14.5	15.2	13.5	11.9	12.5	12.3	11.9	11.6	11.1	11.5	11.5	11.1
Walker	31,720	32,980	32,180	32,420	32,690	32,500	32,360	32,330	32,080	32,690	32,580	32,450	33,470	33,570	33,840
	15.1	16.1	16.9	18.0	18.0	16.6	15.7	15.7	14.4	14.6	14.2	14.9	16.6	16.5	16.8
Washington	6,260	6,380	6,260	6,430	6,320	6,430	6,480	6,520	6,640	6,810	6,560	6,750	6,790	6,700	6,610
	16.8	20.0	19.8	22.5	21.1	20.0	20.5	20.0	19.6	20.6	17.4	17.2	16.7	16.8	16.3
Wilcox	5,170	5,860	5,510	5,410	5,420	5,440	5,410	5,290	5,220	5,260	5,210	5,360	5,500	5,410	5,280
	22.6	20.3	25.6	25.5	28.0	26.6	26.2	21.3	20.6	19.0	18.4	19.4	19.9	19.7	19.0
Winston	8,450	9,150	8,520	8,480	8,780	8,500	8,340	8,280	8,210	8,320	8,250	8,310	8,530	8,550	8,480
	22.6	18.6	23.9	25.7	27.6	22.1	18.8	17.3	17.2	17.8	17.1	16.3	17.5	18.8	19.0
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value *($1,000)*	551,093	643,182	26,764	68,870	42,897	39,541	61,067	72,807	49,281	33,162	70,692	22,392	85,365	50,213	46,894
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	8,142	6,288	591	447	370	308	651	560	353	343	819	430	826	757	423
Exports															
Value *($1,000)*	1,222,158	788,611	99,164	78,730	80,453	68,176	81,973	60,503	71,690	51,007	33,212	51,981	64,610	81,993	64,292
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	14,577	9,496	1,269	1,133	1,057	757	1,061	898	1,150	610	344	524	547	546	868
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[a] *(1,000 tons)*	39,655	34,916	3,050	3,030	2,695	2,574	3,193	3,051	3,268	2,560	3,013	2,812	2,948	3,118	2,653
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	22,680	23,017	1,762	1,995	1,998	1,668	1,650	1,490	1,678	2,149	2,571	2,547	1,798	1,588	1,884
Gasoline sales[a] *(1,000 gallons)*	1,840,396		161,810	147,757	132,674	163,666	150,978	158,764	159,700	159,303	165,359	153,217			
New passenger car registrations[10] *(number)*	100,717	122,393	9,205	8,018	8,462	9,326	9,544	11,620	10,660	11,039	10,012	11,288	10,378	10,295	11,751
Retail sales by kind of business, state totals[11] *($1,000,000)*															
Food	3,634		324	290	290	309	323	323	336	356	338	325			
General stores with food and gas	331		28	25	24	28	29	29	32	30	29	28			
General merchandise	2,292		312	123	150	192	204	171	163	190	198	194			
Apparel	499		69	33	32	46	45	44	42	41	47	47			
Furniture, furnishings, etc	534		55	40	41	49	49	53	56	56	60	58			
Automotive	2,690		226	208	223	285	294	313	336	343	358	349			
Gasoline service stations	1,342		105	85	81	92	90	101	94	88	90	85			
Lumber and building materials	778		61	54	56	73	76	90	97	98	114	111			
Hardware and farm implements	351		30	23	24	34	34	39	42	41	42	42			
Eating places	1,112		98	82	87	101	99	104	104	110	111	107			
Drug stores	536		50	37	39	39	40	42	36	38	35	37			
All other retail	2,433		255	161	163	203	201	235	238	216	236	232			
Total sales by retail concerns	16,530		1,616	1,161	1,209	1,450	1,483	1,542	1,575	1,607	1,663	1,615			
Nonretail and unclassified concerns	4,749		399	336	321	392	357	394	403	377	392	415			
Total all sales at retail	21,279		2,015	1,497	1,530	1,842	1,841	1,936	1,978	1,985	2,055	2,030			
Retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties[11] *($1,000)*															
MSAs															
Anniston	432,037		40,978	30,099	31,094	37,560	37,700	39,448	42,513	49,304	51,054	48,924			
Birmingham	5,604,600		534,536	405,797	407,194	498,000	503,026	523,112	542,315	543,358	577,490	602,301			
Dothan										64,180	67,277	62,625			
Florence	571,705		56,257	34,813	35,858	44,376	47,505	48,245	50,479	63,605	65,598	63,784			
Gadsden	395,827		35,395	28,086	27,916	33,235	33,730	37,465	40,473	48,920	51,281	48,586			
Huntsville	1,064,650		79,727	63,129	64,696	75,670	75,539	85,289	91,227	108,278	114,261	111,714			
Mobile	2,131,321		198,501	151,625	148,825	178,187	172,423	186,646	195,871	233,943	240,731	217,431			
Montgomery	1,224,760		117,205	90,567	93,802	110,391	113,913	118,305	127,634	144,442	152,919	147,640			
Tuscaloosa	552,075		53,034	43,285	41,589	49,621	51,079	52,860	57,120	63,538	68,343	67,387			
Counties															
Autauga	107,927		9,384	7,820	8,284	9,694	9,681	10,388	10,986	9,939	9,677	9,116			
Baldwin	366,715		29,025	21,223	21,810	27,273	27,431	30,674	32,386	39,626	38,691	33,665			
Barbour	62,778		5,470	4,466	4,521	5,091	5,366	6,353	5,603	6,977	6,872	6,871			
Bibb	27,761		2,944	2,134	1,988	2,306	2,381	2,466	2,642	4,016	4,135	3,810			
Blount	80,384		6,778	5,787	5,816	6,802	6,399	7,016	7,639	8,335	8,757	8,797			
Bullock	59,766		6,349	5,980	5,761	2,347	2,873	2,666	2,769	3,030	2,739	2,915			
Butler	61,385		5,976	4,913	4,716	5,309	5,364	5,924	5,792	7,567	7,599	7,367			
Calhoun	432,037		40,978	30,099	31,094	37,560	37,700	39,448	42,513	49,304	51,054	48,924			
Chambers	91,694		8,054	7,121	6,980	8,411	8,178	8,585	8,776	11,567	11,279	11,337			
Cherokee	52,267		4,458	3,439	3,696	4,595	4,797	4,913	5,369	5,360	4,744	4,789			
Chilton	92,525		7,679	6,238	6,094	7,763	8,323	8,720	8,963	10,115	10,059	9,475			
Choctaw	50,700		4,464	3,902	3,592	4,143	3,753	3,852	3,623	4,210	4,121	3,941			
Clarke	89,267		8,101	6,884	6,688	7,822	8,464	8,501	8,621	10,543	10,059	8,945			
Clay	26,957		2,525	2,041	2,004	2,185	2,433	2,076	2,334	2,518	2,763	2,339			
Cleburne	24,342		2,290	2,013	1,982	2,407	2,568	2,589	2,671	2,633	2,492	2,577			
Coffee	142,602		12,842	10,961	11,476	13,642	13,968	15,283	15,128	18,061	18,176	17,887			

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1982	1983											
	1982	1983	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert	296,642		25,568	15,668	15,934	19,077	21,312	21,378	22,668	26,623	27,641	27,485			
Conecuh	34,109		2,896	2,310	2,632	2,968	3,327	3,317	3,364	3,912	4,025	3,911			
Coosa	20,855		1,646	1,234	1,343	1,438	1,315	1,551	1,553	1,528	1,654	1,500			
Covington	140,600		12,200	9,874	10,147	12,394	13,203	13,898	14,070	15,396	16,540	15,128			
Crenshaw	32,420		2,636	2,407	2,622	2,837	3,214	3,370	3,430	3,263	3,237	3,072			
Cullman	248,962		20,837	18,596	17,214	21,470	22,800	24,572	25,274	26,934	26,844	26,708			
Dale	97,392		8,789	6,939	6,630	8,059	8,450	9,203	9,138	10,789	10,809	10,090			
Dallas	188,352		16,686	12,389	12,311	14,659	15,999	17,506	17,583	20,057	21,239	19,629			
DeKalb	171,545		15,146	10,222	10,360	12,382	13,231	14,017	15,364	17,373	17,434	16,975			
Elmore	82,262		6,985	5,690	6,260	6,853	7,370	7,784	7,758	10,675	10,428	9,817			
Escambia	133,511		12,888	9,786	9,805	12,191	12,100	12,990	13,067	14,431	15,013	13,897			
Etowah	396,827		35,395	28,086	27,916	33,235	33,730	37,465	40,473	48,920	51,281	48,586			
Fayette	85,349		8,235	6,419	6,144	7,827	7,436	7,809	8,057	7,172	7,453	7,199			
Franklin	88,064		7,560	6,026	6,209	7,618	8,320	8,811	9,024	11,022	10,532	10,287			
Geneva	146,372		13,053	12,536	11,895	12,848	13,497	14,304	13,751	14,083	14,425	13,682			
Greene	21,917		1,939	1,412	1,395	1,803	1,722	2,254	2,167	2,334	2,029	2,103			
Hale	35,115		3,452	2,779	2,767	3,403	3,884	3,994	3,867	3,870	3,528	3,890			
Henry	40,210		3,191	2,409	2,631	2,988	3,182	3,330	3,849	4,212	3,965	4,090			
Houston	430,944		41,807	33,510	33,236	40,242	42,059	42,876	44,756	53,391	56,468	52,535			
Jackson	147,971		12,261	9,432	10,571	12,836	12,510	13,826	14,506	16,639	16,577	16,068			
Jefferson	4,911,771		471,175	350,817	352,555	431,552	433,065	448,400	486,509	464,146	497,248	522,309			
Lamar	37,354		4,159	2,807	2,537	2,923	3,168	3,481	3,490	3,662	3,993	3,912			
Lauderdale	275,063		30,689	19,145	19,924	25,299	26,193	26,867	27,811	36,982	37,957	36,299			
Lawrence	64,612		5,579	4,511	4,057	4,982	5,384	5,767	6,220	7,017	7,036	6,692			
Lee	291,706		26,086	20,468	22,057	26,366	26,569	28,742	30,099	32,450	33,684	35,165			
Limestone	148,159		13,292	9,395	9,417	12,346	12,732	12,806	14,140	16,625	16,602	16,335			
Lowndes	23,153		2,037	1,622	1,557	1,793	1,997	2,128	1,871	2,232	1,766	1,870			
Macon	42,695		3,138	2,754	2,950	3,369	3,655	4,030	4,098	5,012	4,782	4,431			
Madison	859,741		79,727	63,129	64,696	75,670	75,539	85,289	91,227	108,278	114,261	111,714			
Marengo	87,042		7,867	5,683	5,672	6,959	7,434	6,553	6,554	7,458	7,137	6,791			
Marion	69,720		6,441	5,540	5,129	6,256	6,829	7,422	7,699	9,459	9,159	9,372			
Marshall	267,967		24,348	19,349	20,189	24,855	26,811	28,876	29,248	35,269	37,497	36,544			
Mobile	1,764,606		169,476	130,402	127,015	150,914	144,992	155,972	163,485	194,317	202,040	183,766			
Monroe	103,747		8,675	7,364	7,834	9,431	9,134	9,382	9,504	10,284	11,549	10,899			
Montgomery	1,034,571		100,836	77,057	79,258	93,844	96,862	100,133	108,890	123,828	132,814	128,707			
Morgan	476,700		41,832	34,084	35,473	46,673	46,763	51,232	47,039	51,489	55,483	54,013			
Perry	28,382		2,375	1,949	1,974	2,163	2,396	2,503	2,392	2,568	2,541	2,863			
Pickens	51,737		4,713	3,423	3,262	4,006	4,724	5,122	4,766	4,985	4,943	4,439			
Pike	83,838		7,230	5,631	6,066	7,689	8,420	9,436	8,411	9,542	10,582	9,512			
Randolph	54,925		5,473	4,376	4,483	5,396	5,139	5,399	5,249	5,740	5,756	6,158			
Russell	95,486		8,845	6,991	7,378	8,713	9,176	9,850	9,871	11,376	12,346	11,142			
St. Clair	105,453		9,141	8,139	9,021	10,908	12,113	13,225	13,874	15,143	14,439	14,077			
Shelby	261,472		22,598	19,238	18,370	23,908	25,959	27,540	28,824	26,130	27,337	27,242			
Sumter	34,465		3,183	2,474	2,552	2,844	2,851	2,920	3,004	3,213	3,356	3,143			
Talladega	219,173		19,303	16,832	16,044	19,138	19,300	22,703	21,401	25,541	25,019	24,383			
Tallapoosa	122,749		11,435	9,348	9,634	11,186	12,046	12,721	12,832	14,060	13,709	13,783			
Tuscaloosa	552,075		53,034	43,285	41,589	49,621	51,079	52,860	57,120	63,538	68,343	67,387			
Walker	286,965		24,844	21,816	21,432	24,830	25,490	26,931	25,469	29,604	29,709	29,876			
Washington	29,920		2,440	2,215	2,029	2,691	2,253	2,422	2,302	2,584	2,347	2,352			
Wilcox	35,627		3,095	2,586	2,727	3,121	3,083	3,145	3,134	3,444	3,496	3,324			
Winston	64,854		5,263	4,440	4,495	5,502	5,864	6,102	6,664	7,329	7,926	7,166			
Statewide[11]	4,185,970		426,315	267,561	294,398	353,006	325,161	332,174	315,325	145,084	136,253	145,200			
BUILDING ACTIVITY[12]															
Alabama total															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Total	712,696	1,079,085	68,161	53,990	51,306	84,232	72,068	108,222	72,677	93,959	120,559	96,165	86,676	162,881	76,349
Residential	237,082	449,881	18,021	25,652	25,793	43,724	40,009	47,803	32,006	39,580	47,066	34,835	43,819	42,063	27,533
Nonresidential	300,343	366,127	40,757	16,128	16,272	20,153	17,120	34,301	20,566	26,714	35,834	29,816	19,696	96,659	33,868
In selected cities															
Anniston															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Total	5,965	8,848	422	439	445	674	791	850	905	826	895	794	818	718	693
Residential	2,700	3,583	239	269	271	417	312	341	346	306	309	263	268	261	231
Nonresidential	442	932					112	96	112	92	124	106	109	101	81
Birmingham															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Total	109,048	213,343	28,748	10,220	2,369	11,394	5,671	23,569	8,012	7,729	14,069	30,767	9,844	83,104	6,606
Residential	13,918	31,921	845	495	680	7,607	977	9,643	1,221	1,378	1,317	2,529	4,275	904	885
Nonresidential	61,839	108,370	27,027	7,013	1,133	1,580	1,098	2,177	1,911	1,855	7,416	12,498	767	70,397	526
Decatur															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Total	8,551	14,095	716	648	1,826	1,129	1,073	1,154	1,235	1,167	1,367	1,424	1,278	1,004	789
Residential	2,937	7,340	170	230	152	307	713	722	770	741	918	995	862	863	267
Nonresidential	3,812	2,156	388	272	70	603	123	163	177	150	155	156	140	116	32
Dothan															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Total	28,821	18,943	2,206	1,299	841	2,162	899	695	1,073	1,388	1,340	700	3,402	2,191	2,952
Residential	5,626	7,760	450	458	450	864	568	326	475	350	366	316	2,412	805	351
Nonresidential	9,720	6,339	1,217	345	88	973	230	59	176	468	319	40	367	1,127	2,146
Gadsden															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Total	10,429	13,596	1,137	1,359	254	981	395	1,351	529	4,695	354	549	550	1,389	1,189
Residential	1,517	2,006	77	23	63	271	41	273	194	170	282	224	329	75	61
Nonresidential	3,271	3,912	435	181	5	53	2	378	271	161	2	271	201	1,283	1,104
Huntsville															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Total	58,302	122,759	3,546	3,561	4,819	6,213	5,583	15,688	10,765	12,423	17,391	8,823	20,834	9,742	6,919
Residential	18,311	51,350	1,236	2,365	3,170	3,240	1,935	4,390	3,263	9,556	7,145	2,171	10,578	1,558	1,939
Nonresidential	14,238	45,128	630	542	550	1,874	1,766	10,098	5,693	669	6,403	5,166	3,320	5,238	3,809
Mobile															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Total	83,675	109,508	4,881	5,796	8,906	9,046	8,756	14,828	3,923	14,352	13,411	5,161	6,093	8,760	10,475
Residential	19,544	38,261	1,051	2,258	7,068	2,499	6,816	4,337	1,334	1,132	1,810	1,127	990	1,586	7,313
Nonresidential	43,701	49,663	2,751	2,202	806	3,737	973	9,054	664	11,007	10,337	1,465	2,188	5,173	2,058

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1982	1983										
	1982	1983	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
BUILDING ACTIVITY —CONTINUED															
Montgomery															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Total	52,352	76,984	2,861	4,057	3,297	7,692	10,648	7,877	6,777	6,275	6,829	6,315	6,326	5,764	5,127
Residential	15,363	32,619	1,363	2,492	2,061	4,125	4,797	3,407	2,568	2,473	2,354	2,081	2,108	2,278	1,874
Nonresidential	22,178	28,264	960	487	489	1,940	5,301	3,265	2,542	2,205	2,762	2,652	2,596	2,170	1,856
Quad-Cities[11]															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Total	18,563	12,978	781	798	858	977	718	1,247	1,244	1,612	1,361	1,250	852	1,360	699
Residential	7,481	6,391	780	668	502	711	341	451	640	473	513	623	428	874	166
Nonresidential	5,722	3,506	.....	56	340	45	246	176	261	737	705	380	337	123	100
Selma															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Total	2,757	4,197	25	248	1,049	105	184	635	115	336	103	901	67	98	356
Residential	987	357	.....	8	.....	25	63	125	30	.....	20	.....	.....	65	20
Nonresidential	1,739	798	6	.....	18	22	19	384	10	275	20	18	30	1	.....
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Total	21,418	30,159	771	2,323	1,869	3,672	1,458	3,023	3,600	2,862	3,340	3,777	1,814	1,809	613
Residential	6,592	14,849	427	590	1,402	2,697	850	1,674	1,206	2,338	1,194	1,378	396	717	407
Nonresidential	8,408	6,227	135	1,509	209	84	187	424	569	187	1,221	711	527	599	3

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding. [1]Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data. [2]Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data. [3]These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of F. W. Dodge Div., McGraw-Hill Information Co. [4]End-of-month balance. [5]Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing "data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition. [6]These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index." The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data. [7]Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year. [8]Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations. [9]Excludes sales to federal government. [10]These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of R. L. Polk and Company. [11]Retail sales data represent sales at retail as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the *Census of Retail Trade*. **Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figure for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1977 are not available for the new series. Birmingham and Huntsville MSA sales data after June 1983 are not directly comparable with earlier data because county designations were changed. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.** [12]Private construction only. May be partially estimated by the Bureau of the Census; the sum of monthly figures may not equal annual total. "Total" construction includes additions and alterations, therefore, is not a sum of residential nonresidential. [13]Quad-Cities and consists of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia.

Census Bureau Reports 1981 Earnings of Working Couples

Earnings of married couples with both spouses working full time averaged $34,560 in 1981, according to a study by the Commerce Department's Bureau of the Census. The study showed that average yearly earnings of all couples who reported earnings was $25,550.

If both working spouses were in professional or managerial occupations, the average rose to $39,170. No comparative figures are available for previous years.

Here are other facts from the study made in 1981:

- Wives working full time averaged $13,070 compared $23,800 for husbands.
- The wife earned more than her husband in 16 percent of the families where both spouses worked.
- Women with at least one child under age 18 accounted for about 55 percent of all wives working.

Since the data are from a survey, they are subject to sampling variability. The report carries a detailed explanation.

Copies of the report, *Earnings in 1981 of Married-Couple Families, by Selected Characteristics of Husbands and Wives*, Series P-23, No. 133, may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

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Understanding Alabama's Fossil Fuel Resources

(Editor's note: This is the first of two parts on the state's fossil fuel resources. Mrs. Watters' second installment concerns Alabama's crude oil, condensate, and natural gas resources and will appear next month.)

United States coal production began in earnest about 1830 with the era of the railroads, although there is evidence of a small amount of production as early as 1750. Coal was the major industrial and heating fuel in the United States from the late 1880s until the 1940s when oil and gas came into prominence. Today America's resurging interest in coal as a major fuel follows the trend in returning to domestic resources that have proven their value. Coal utilization can go beyond direct burning as fuel for heating and industry; it can be used to produce synthetic oil and gas. The demand for coal is expected to grow markedly as conversion techniques are developed, making the process competitive in the marketplace.

In general, coals in states east of the Mississippi River have higher energy values, contain less ash and moisture, and have slightly lower sulfur content than coals in other states. Alabama's coals average second in heating value, have the lowest average sulfur content, average the third lowest moisture content, and have the second lowest average ash content of the states east of the Mississippi. The quality of Alabama's coal as compared to other bituminous producing states east of the Mississippi is shown in the following table:

Average "As Received" Coal Chemical Analysis

Leading Producer	Btu/lb	Sulfur (percent)	Moisture (percent)	Ash (percent)
Alabama	13,410	1.0	3.0	7.7
Illinois	11,260	2.9	10.5	10.6
Indiana	11,510	2.6	11.2	9.0
West Kentucky	12,140	3.6	6.3	9.9
East Kentucky	13,110	1.0	4.5	7.2
Ohio	12,070	2.8	6.4	10.1
West Pennsylvania	13,280	1.8	3.2	9.7
Tennessee	13,250	1.3	2.7	8.2
West Virginia	13,540	1.5	2.9	8.2

In 1983 coal mining was conducted in sixteen of Alabama's sixty-seven counties. Seven counties had both underground and surface mines. During fiscal 1983, Alabama coal produced underground was 9,942,484 tons while surface mine production was 12,752,355 tons. In calendar year 1983, coal production in the entire United States was approximately 774 million net tons, of which Alabama mines provided 2.9 percent. Although 22 million tons of coal were mined in Alabama during 1983, fewer than 8,000 people were employed in the coal mining industry.

Particularly noteworthy at the national level is the pattern of industrial coal consumption. In 1950 approximately 45 percent of all coal was consumed by industry. By 1960 the amount used to produce electricity and that used for industrial purposes were just about equal. Today, more than 81 percent of all coal consumed is used to produce electricity; less than 20 percent is used for industrial processes.

In the industrial sector, coal is used principally to coke, which in turn is used to smelt iron ore. The process of making coke from coal yields useful by-products, such as napthas, coal tars, benzene, and other coal chemicals.

Coke producing plants are classified as furnace plants or as merchant plants. Furnace plants are those owned by iron and steel companies whose principal business is producing blast furnace coke for their own use. Merchant plants operate to produce coke for sale in the open market or are associated with either chemical companies or gas utilities. Coke production in Alabama has dropped sharply in recent years, down from 3,412 thousand short tons in 1980 to only 1,728 thousand short tons in 1982. Production in 1983 shows a continuation of the decline.

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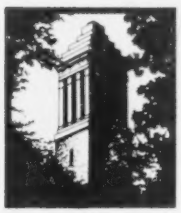

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